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PRICE CLIQUE.**

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL STUDENT VICTIM OF THEFT.

Efforts Made to Recover Purloined
Instrument Case Unavailing—
Suspect No Particular Person.

Considerable excitement was caused among the members of the Junior class of the Manual Training School just before closing on Thursday afternoon by the announcement that a valuable case of drawing instruments had been purloined from a student's desk.

A thorough examination of all the overcoats of the boys and of the workrooms failed to discover the missing article.

Instances of this kind have occurred in the school before, and Professor W. R. Vickroy, who is in charge of the first-year class, has determined, if possible, to find the culprit. In the meantime, some of the boys who were questioned are indignant

that their honor should have been questioned.

For an hour previous to the discovery of the theft Professor Vickroy had been with the class in another room to make space for an examination class. He had also been compelled to send three boys to the workroom, under confinement.

When the theft was reported to him he called the boys who had been sent out and asked them whether they had been in the workroom during the time that he was absent. The boys all declared that they had, and Professor Vickroy says that he accepted their statements as true.

"I made no accusation against any boy in particular, because I have no evidence against any one, and I should not be so indiscreet as to charge a boy with an offense like that unless I could go into court and prove it."

"I simply expressed, in very decided terms, my opinion of the offense and of the results that could come from that sort of conduct."

In the meantime a thorough search was made of all the coats in the workroom and about the workrooms. There was no trace of the missing articles, however, and the matter is still under investigation.

"I can see no reason why any person should have caused complaint as to my

course in the matter. If they have, they should make it to Mr. Krall, the principal of the school."

Another member of the Training School faculty said yesterday: "Of course like this one have occurred before in the Manual and in many other schools. Some of the instrument cases are worth \$10 or \$15, and could be easily disposed of for \$5. I remember a similar case where it took several months to discover the culprit, and the parent of the boy was so angry that suspicion rested upon his son. I saw the boy for an hour and a half, during which time he persisted in the end confessed his guilt. He is not now a member of the school, and his father apologized for his complaint."

Street Preacher Confesses Murder.
Everett, Wash., Dec. 19.—B. F. Gotsch, a street preacher, who has been arrested here, has made a signed confession of murdering a man named Ross, his tenant, in a quarrel at Silver City, N. M., in 1902. Gotsch was released on bail at Silver City and disappeared. Gotsch says he is ready to go back to New Mexico and face the charges.

SENATOR DIETRICH APPEARS IN COURT

Pleads Not Guilty to One Indictment, but Refuses to Plead on the Other.

TRIAL IS SET FOR JANUARY 4.

Prosecutor's Urgent Request for More Time Denied by Judge, Who Says Case Requires Early Hearing.

Omaha, Dec. 19.—United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich, accompanied by General John C. Cowin, his attorney, appeared before Judge Munger in the United States Circuit Court today and was arraigned on the indictments returned against him November 16 and December 17.

To the indictment charging him with profiting by leasing a post-office building to the Government, Senator Dietrich pleaded not guilty, and to that charging him with conspiracy and bribery he refused to plead.

In the latter counts, which were those returned November 16, in which he is charged jointly with Postmaster Jacob Fisher of Hastings with conspiracy and bribery in connection with Fisher's appointment, General Cowin informed the court that the defendant would attack the sufficiency of the indictment.

Trial on the conspiracy and bribery indictments was set for January 4. Assistant District Attorney Rush vigorously objected to that date, and asked for four weeks in which to prepare the Government's case.

The time, however, was reduced to two weeks. No time was set for trying Senator Dietrich on the indictments returned December 17, charging him with profiting by leasing a building to the Government.

In setting the date of trial, Judge Munger said:

"From an individual standpoint, Senator Dietrich is not entitled to certain considerations, but from the fact of his position as an officer of the United States Senate is made vacant because of this matter, he is entitled to certain considerations. I am sorry that he may resume his official duties."

"The District Attorney had ample time in the six weeks that this matter was before the Grand Jury to locate the essential witnesses and bring the trial to an early issue. Another member of the Senate by the court to this Grand Jury in the matter of permitting the presence of a witness to take evidence in these important cases, but I can state that this will never occur again."

**HOTELS MUST CHARGE
THEIR REGULAR RATES.**

National Convention May Not Be Held at Chicago if Exorbitant Prices Are Asked.

Washington, Dec. 19.—What seems to be an attempt on the part of Chicago hotel managers to raise rates during the National Republican Convention is to be "nipped" in the bud by the National Republican Committee.

Postmaster General Payne has telegraphed to Chairman Hanna in New York that evidence has come to him indicating that extortionate rates have been fixed for the convention by the Chicago hotels, and suggesting that unless assurances are at once forthcoming that the regular rates are to be charged, the National Committee would rescind its action in selecting Chicago as the convention city.

VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS

—George A. McFadden of Jefferson City is a guest at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Mo., is registered at the Lindell.

—T. L. Cox, Miss Lillian Cox and Miss Ethel Travis of Little Rock, Ark., are guests at the Planters.

—J. H. Malson, W. C. Blair and J. C. Foley of Mount Vernon, Ill., party at the New St. James.

—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lawson of Columbia, Mo., have rooms at the Southern.

—G. W. L. Brown of Little Rock, Ark., is registered at the Laclede.

—J. H. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., is a guest at the New St. James.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Dallas, Tex., have rooms at the Southern.

—G. H. Cole of Springfield, Mo., is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones of Danville, Ill., have rooms at the Lindell.

—Mrs. H. J. Reinhard of Little Rock, Ark., is on the guest list at the Planters.

—M. J. Hornsby of Springfield, Mo., is registered at the Planters.

—John T. Jameson of Fulton, Mo., is a guest at the Lindell.

—Charles B. Hunt of Kansas City is at the Laclede.

—J. E. Anthony of Fredericktown, Mo., is on the guest list at the Laclede.

—A. J. Seibert of St. Genevieve, Mo., is registered at the Laclede.

—James Moran of Dallas, Tex., has rooms at the Lindell.

—J. H. Dugan of Denison, Tex., is at the Madison.

—H. Devereaux of Hot Springs, Ark., is a guest at the Southern.

—J. H. Helms of Fort Worth, Tex., is registered at the Southern.

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—J. B. Regan of Muscogee, I. T., is a guest at the Laclede.

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Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—Boston hotel arrivals this week:

At the Parker House—L. L. Monerow, Rockford, Ill.; L. Kuntz, D. J. Hopp, J. Peters, New York; W. L. C. O'Brien, Springfield, Ill.

At the Hotel—H. H. Mower, Joplin, Mo.; A. S. Doris, E. J. Snowden, St. Louis; W. Coward, Kansas City; W. Williams, St. Louis; W. Westminister, St. Louis; St. Louis; Adams House—W. E. Francis, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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Rely Upon Pe-ru-na to Fight Colds, Coughs, Catarrh and Grip.



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"For grip and winter catarrh especially it has been of great service to the inmates of this institution."

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All Over the United States Use Peru-na for Catarrh.

A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in the Southwest reads as follows:

A Prominent Mother Superior Says:

"I can testify from experience to the efficiency of Peru-na as one of the very best medicines, and it gives me pleasure to add my praise to that of thousands who have used it. For years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, all remedies proving valueless for relief. Last spring I went to Colorado, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate, and while there a friend advised me to try Peru-na. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The results of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for a while I intend to continue the use of Peru-na. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."

These are samples of letters received by Dr. Hartman from the various orders of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States.

The names and addresses to these letters have been withheld from respect to the Sisters, but will be furnished on request.

One-half of the diseases which afflict mankind are due to some catarrhal degeneration of the mucous membrane lining some organ or passage of the body.

A remedy that would act immediately upon the congested mucous membrane, restoring it to its normal state, would consequently cure all these diseases. Catarrh is catarrh wherever located, whether it be in the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys or pelvic organs. A remedy that will cure it in one location will cure it in all locations.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Interesting Letters From Catholic Institutions.

THE SISTERS' GOOD WORK

In every country of the civilized world the Sisters of Charity are known. Not only do they minister to the spiritual and intellectual needs of the charges committed to their care, but they also minister to their bodily needs.

With so many children to take care of and to protect from climate and disease, these wise and prudent sisters have found Peru-na a never-failing safeguard.

Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:

Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio: Dear Sir—The young girl who used the Peru-na was suffering from laryngitis and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after

Further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured.

Sisters of Charity.

This young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peru-na for catarrh of the throat, with good result, as the above letter testifies.

From a Catholic Institution in Central Ohio comes the following recommendation from the Sister Superior:

"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's Peru-na as an excellent remedy for the influenza, of which we then had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character."

"We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then Peru-na has become our favorite medicine for influenza, catarrh, cold, cough and bronchitis."

Another recommendation from a Catholic Institution of one of the Central States, written by the Sister Superior, reads as follows:

A reward of \$10,000 has been deposited in the Market Exchange Bank, Columbus, O., as a guarantee that the above testimonials are genuine; that we hold in our possession authentic letters certifying to the same. Every one of our testimonials are genuine and in the words of the one whose name is appended.

Ask Your Druggist for free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1904.

BIG INCREASE SHOWN IN MORTALITY RECORD.

Thirty More Deaths Occurred Last Week in St. Louis Than in Previous Period.

DEATHS AND BIRTHS
REPORTED LAST WEEK.
Deaths in St. Louis last week, 23.
Deaths previous week, 22.
Births last week, 217.
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Deaths by violence, 15.
Deaths from accidents, 13.
Deaths from pneumonia, 40.
Deaths from scalds, 20.
Deaths from consumption, 22.
Twenty-nine cases of typhoid were reported, with six deaths.

During the last week 23 deaths occurred in St. Louis and 217 births were reported at the Health Department.

During the previous week 22 deaths occurred and 215 births were reported.

The causes of death last week were: Zymotic diseases, 21; constitutional diseases, 40; local diseases, 145; developmental diseases, 32; violence, 15; scalds, 20; diseases of the locomotor system, 1; diseases of the circulatory system, 3; meningitis and encephalitis, 2; convulsions and trismus, 3; heart stroke, 20; apoplexy, 4; other diseases of the brain and nervous system, 14; cirrhosis of liver and hepatitis, 3; enteritis, gastroenteritis, peritonitis and colitis, 12; diseases of the genitourinary system, 15; other diseases of the urinary organs, 3; disease of the generative organs, 1; disease of the respiratory system, 1; other local diseases, 6; infantile, 6; premature birth, 1; scalds, 20; surgical operations, 1; homicide, 15.

Twenty-three were under 1 year and 27 over 60 years.

Twenty-three cases of diphtheria were reported, with 2 deaths; croup, 5 cases, 2 deaths; scarlatina, 23 cases, 2 deaths; typhoid, 29 cases, 6 deaths; measles, 3 cases, no deaths; consumption, 22 cases, all fatal.

WARM WEATHER AT AN END.

Fair and Colder the Local Prediction for To-Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

After two days of warm weather, fair and colder weather is predicted for today. The winds will be brisk and northwesterly. The minimum temperature last night was 25 degrees above zero.

The storm that was over the east slope of the Rocky Mountains on Friday yesterday, advanced eastward to the Mississippi Valley and was attended by general rains in the central valleys and the lake regions, and snow along the northern border.

The rise in temperature in advance of this disturbance was pronounced, ranging from 10 to 20 degrees, except on the immediate Atlantic Coast. The lowest temperature reported yesterday was at Albany, N. Y., where the thermometer recorded 6 degrees below zero.

Colder weather is reported from the North and Northwest, but no pronounced cold change is in progress in these sections. Another storm yesterday made its appearance on the North Pacific Coast and is giving general rains from San Francisco northward.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Tax bills for 1903 will have to be paid on or before the 31st inst. The heavy penalties provided by law on delinquent taxes will be enforced after January 1, 1904.

Payment now will save time and inconvenience to taxpayers.

L. F. HAMMER, JR.,

St. Louis, December 17, 1903. Collector of the Revenue.

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SPECIAL DISEASES OF MEN

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BUT FOR CURES.

The physician who has not sufficient confidence in his ability to cure his patients first and receive his pay afterwards is not the man to inspire confidence in those who are in search of honest treatment.

My acceptance of a case for treatment is equivalent to a cure, because I never accept incurable cases. I am satisfied to receive the money for the value I have given the patient, but I expect to prove my worth and show positive and satisfactory results before I ask for the fee. So, should I fail to cure a case the patient loses nothing, while when I cure him I have given what is worth more than money—I have given him his health again.

I am the very first specialist in the United States who has had sufficient confidence in his ability to say to the afflicted,

Not a dollar need be paid until cured.

But I told you long ago that others would seek to imitate me. Perhaps you have noted the strenuous efforts of others to imitate. This they may do so far as copying my announcements is concerned, but they cannot and should not use my successful methods, as they can be obtained only at my office. Therefore, if you want the genuine and not the imitation—

Come to me and be cured.

I am the longest established true specialist in St. Louis, and you may note from the record of this paper I have for the past five years been accepting patients for treatment and allowing them to pay me only after a cure was effected.

There is no guesswork, no